

### What Do You See? Sermon Series

Pastor John continues a 3-week series today that charts a course for the next many years of First Irving. As a church member or as a guest desiring to know the future of this church, this biblical picture of change, vision, and purpose will help us all see the potential workings of God in our midst. Please plan on being here for this series with a faith-filled heart to hear God's Word speak to the character and future of this church body.

### Prayer. Simple. Powerful.

A new 5-week series begins this Wednesday night which focuses on the purpose and power of prayer. We invite you to come and experience what God asks of us in prayer and what God can accomplish when His people seek His face and pray. Our fellowship meal begins on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 and Prayer Gathering begins at 6:15. We gather in the Fellowship Hall.

### Mother's Day Gift

Looking for a great Mother's day gift? Purchase a gift certificate for the Women's Retreat in October. Pick up this special gift in the Hub today.

### Women's Retreat

Ladies.....Save the Date for the 2009 Women's Retreat "Extreme Makeover Heart Edition," October 2 & 3 at the Embassy Suites at Outdoor World in Grapevine. Speaker: Margaret Kennedy, founder and president of Threads of Hope ministries and Lifeway Ministry Multiplier for the LifeWay Foundation. Contact: Stacie Smith at [sdsmith1999@verizon.net](mailto:sdsmith1999@verizon.net) or Sheila Cox at [sheilaanncox@hotmail.com](mailto:sheilaanncox@hotmail.com) for any questions you have.

### P.L.A.C.E

Come and discover your God-given gifts and your place of service at First Irving. **P.L.A.C.E.** teaches you your individual spiritual gifts, your personality traits, your life experiences, and your passions for ministry. We are offering a two week class April 26 and May 3 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall led by Pastor John Durham. Sign up in the Hub today, or email Michelle Stanphill at [mstanphill@fbcirving.org](mailto:mstanphill@fbcirving.org).

### Student Ministries Summer Missions

There are two great opportunities for middle school and high school students this summer: Mission Decatur (Rookie Trip): June 14-17  
Cost: \$100 (full amount is due as a deposit to reserve your place on the team)  
Purpose: Backyard Bible Club, clothes closet, light construction, food pantry.  
Training Dates: May 31, June 7

St. Louis Project (previous mission experience required):  
July 9-18

Cost: \$300 (\$100 deposit required)  
Purpose: mission training, VBS, evangelism and evening services at an inner city church  
Training Dates: May 31, June 7, June 21, June 28, July 5  
The deposit is \$150, if you would like to serve on both teams.

### Summer Missions Fundraiser

Middle School and High School students are selling Texas Rangers coupon packs to help raise money for summer mission trips. The coupon packs are a \$700 value for only \$40. The packs include six lower level tickets, ten buy one get one free coupons, three 50% off coupons, and a \$250 coupon on a suite rental. You may contact one of the students, or email [pmurrell@fbcirving.org](mailto:pmurrell@fbcirving.org), if you would like to purchase one.

### College Seniors

Are you graduating in May 2009? If so, we need your information. Your church family would like to honor you on May 10. Please let Jason Hatch know by email at [jason-hatch7@gmail.com](mailto:jason-hatch7@gmail.com) or by phone at 972-253-1171 by April 30th.

### College trip to Canton's First Monday

All college students, guys and gals, are invited to come with us to Canton's First Monday Trade-days. This is a HUGE flea market for you shoppers, and a great way to spend some time with each other. We will be meeting at the church on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 a.m., and return around 5:00 p.m. Bring money for shopping and lunch. If you have questions, or want to sign up, follow the link on the college webpage.

### Sudan Mission Trip 2009

There are still a few openings on First Irving's trip to The Sudan in late summer 2009. If you are interested in this trip, please email Missions Pastor Vernon Burger at [vburger@fbcirving.org](mailto:vburger@fbcirving.org). This mission trip's focus is ministering to orphans and widows and building relationships with Believers in The Sudan.

### Worship Center Initiatives

We ask all worshippers to turn off cell phones and pagers as well as not to bring drinks and food into the Worship Center. We also ask that if you must leave the Worship Center, please exit the back doors (Main Street) and return to a seat in the back or in the balcony. This helps in the spirit of worship and with our focus. We also ask that you go to the middle of the aisle as you enter into the row. This provides maximum seating for everyone.

### Fellowship Meal on Wednesdays

We invite you to our Fellowship Meal and Prayer Gathering on Wednesday. The meal is served from 5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Come and enjoy a great dinner and great friendships around round tables in the Fellowship Hall. Meals are \$4.50 per adult, \$3.50 Middle School - College, and \$2.50 Kindergarten - 5th grade. Those 4 and younger are free. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Wednesday Fellowship Meal

April 29, 2009

Chicken Spaghetti  
Baked Breaded Fish  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Cole Slaw  
Salad  
Rolls

Lemon Pound Cake

Serving from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Adults - \$4.50  
6th - College - \$3.50  
Kindergarten - 5th Grade - \$2.50  
4 Yrs and under - Free

Prayer Gathering at 6:15 p.m.

### Weekly Planner

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>04.26.09</b>
8:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Time
1:00 p.m.	Volunteer Meeting
1:30 p.m.	Sr. Adult Trip to Branson
4:30 p.m.	Bible Drill
4:30 p.m.	Place Class
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>04.27.09</b>
9:00 a.m.	Irving H.S. Senior Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Kid's Day Out
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
6:15 p.m.	First Place
7:00 p.m.	Moms In Touch
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>04.28.09</b>
11:30 a.m.	Evergreen
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>04.29.09</b>
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir
6:15 p.m.	Prayer Gathering
7:00 p.m.	MSX/Mad House
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>04.30.09</b>
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>05.01.09</b>
9:00 a.m.	Kid's Day Out
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>05.02.09</b>
7:30 a.m.	College Trip to Canton
9:00 p.m.	Ladies Prayer Time

<b>STEWARDSHIP:</b>	April 19, 2009
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 26,488
Designated	\$ 1,645
FaithWorks	\$ 2,845
Budget YTD	\$ 939,967
Weekly Budget	\$ 34,792
Budget YTD (under)	(\$69,001)

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	April 19, 2009
Bible Study	752
Worship	839

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### Welcome to First Irving

God tends to like change and new things more than His people do. Isaiah 43:18-19 says, "*The Lord says, 'Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do.'*" Today we continue in a series called "What Do You See?" as we look at changes and at new days before us. God calls us into a partnership with Him for a mission He calls us to do.

### Welcome Center Reception

Our Ministers and I would like to meet you at the conclusion of the 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Please stop by the Welcome Center at 10:45 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. for refreshments and the opportunity to get acquainted with some new friends. Exit through the double doors by the piano to the Welcome Center.

*April 26, 2009*